minimum support prices fixed by the Government of India for different varieties.

Pension to Freedom Fighters

1796. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of applications received from freedom fighters under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980;

(b) what was the last date of receipt of such applications;

(c) what is the number of applications that are still pending;

(d) what is the number of persons who have so far been granted pension under this Scheme; and

(e) what is the target date for the final disposal of all the pension applications received so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (e) A total of 1,96,868 applications for grant of pension under Swatantrate Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980 have been received since the inception of the Scheme.

The last date for receipt of applications under the Swatantrate Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980 was 31-3-82. However, for some special categories like caning cases, Arya Samaj Satyagrahis etc., a later date was prescribed for each category separately.

Till 30th June, 1987, pension has been sanctioned in 23,374 cases and 4004 applications were pending for final disposal.

While no time limit can be fixed for final disposal of the pending applications, every effort is being made to expedite disposal of pending cases.

Production and Export of cotton

1797. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total production of cotton during the year 1986-87 in term of cotton bales;

(b) what is tre domestic consumtion;

(c) what is the quota allotted for export; and

(d) how much export quota has been given to Maharashtra under its Cotton Monopoly Sheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) According to the estimates made by the Cotton Advisory Board, the total production and domestic consumption of cotton during 1986-87 are 95 lakh bales and 95.50 lakh bales respectively.

(c) and (d) A quantity of 4,57,357 bales of long and extra long staple cotton and 50,000 bales of Bengal Deshi cotton has been rtleased for export during 1986-87. Out of this, the Maharashtra State Co-operatice Cotton Growers' Marketing Federation has been allotted a quantity of 1,55,000 bales of long and extra long staple cotton.

Export of Cotton

1798. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stock of cotton bales in the country;